

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2099 - SB 2200

February 15, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any person who owns or operates a landfill to use native grasses to cover the site of the landfill when it has been filled or has been closed to further operations. Provides for the Department of Environment and Conservation to promulgate rules and regulations regarding this provision.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Less than \$100,000

Estimate assumes local governments that operate landfills will experience an increase in expenditures for the cost of native grasses versus an alternative like fescue.

NOTE: According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, native grasses are costlier in the first two years for planting and maintenance but require less long term maintenance and would be less expensive than fescue plantings over the life of the landfill cap.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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